UNIQUE PHASES OF LIFE IN COLOMBI

A Girl of Colombia.

A Little Rebel,

Owns a White Shirt and Four Wives

Buenaventura, Colombia, Jan. 30. | readily attract them. They invariably | F some of the tribes of Indians in remote parts of Colombia succeed in maintaining the laws and customs in force, they will certainly not meet the fate of their North American cousins, and become extinct. They welcome white traders but they wont' let the palefaces remain in their countries of the succeed in the remaining the laws and customs in force, they will certainly not case of the manner of showing reverage is often most amusing. On one occasion a notice of service was posted, in which the Savior was referred to as "Colonel Jesus Christ." An inquiry developed the fact that the author of the notice considered "colonel" a very welcome white traders but they wont let the palefaces remain in their country over night. As soon as the trading is done the visitors must return to their ships and sail away. As long as they do so, they are not molested, but if they manifest a tendency to hang around and get sociable, after the business is concluded, trouble is certain to result. This is because the Indian women like white men and will run away with them if they get a chance. The native women are rather attractive as girls, but they age very quickly. The universal mode of dress among the women consists of one sack-like garment, reaching from the shoulders to the knees, with holes for the head and arms. It is one place in the world where the styles do not thange. Most of the more progressive and prosperous among them wear shirts.

Woman's Right Discouraged.

They have interpreters who can speak English, and their standard money is American gold. While the men are good traders, and lean toward civilized ways in their money, and their dress, they are quite bar-

money is American gold. While the men are good traders, and lean toward civilized ways in their money and their dress, they are quite barbarous in their habits of living. They reside in shacks, and have three or four wives each. They select their companions while they are very young, a girl rarely reaching the age of 14 before she is claimed by some brave. There is no marriage rite. One trader among them insisted that the high contracting parties to one of their jungle matrimonial alliances acknowledge the solemn obligation by running around a banana tree three times, but one of his companions scouted the idea, and said they never thought of putting themselves to so much trouble. The men insist upon being the head of the louse, however, even if there is a lack of formality in establishing the same. A favorite method of punishing a disobedient wife is to tie her to a stake over an ant hill and let the insects nibble at her toes for an hour or two. It is said she will always be good thereafter. Some such drastic measure in the said she will always be good thereafter. Some such drastic measure in the said she will always be good thereafter. Some such drastic measure in the said she will always be good thereafter. Some such drastic measure or twenty empty boxes, then he took up his station on the opposite side of the street. He began giving every man who says we don't sell cheap, is not a true servant of the Lord." The proprietor of that cigar store was a wonder, but he met his match in the person of an American Jew, who was making a trip through the south for nis health. The first time the American sauntered up the street his eye calculated the proprietor of that cigar store was a wonder, but he met his match in the person of an American Jew, who was a street with religious mottoes painted all over its front, "Fear God—Do Right—Buy the street their store, was follower its front, "Fear God—Do Right—Buy there," was follower its front, "Fear God—Do Right—Buy the street his eye aught the sign plant of the Lord." The p

Lifeless Sentinels Stand Guard.

the indians living more adjacent to the centers of population have become less dangerous and objectionable as neighbors, but their proximity to civilization has taken away none of their barbaric love of display. Many of them have embraced the Catholic religion, its forms and ceremonials seeming to clearly indicate the catholic religion, should be a should be an an over few through the name of the Lord in vain. I will make a day laborer of you. If those signs were not there, I would probably go away. "Vill you go avay if I had no more signs?" should be a barbaram. In less than half

Couldn't Beat the Trust,

The manner in which these Indians guard their villages from the intrusion of outsiders is very ingenious. They string dry calabashes on ropes of vines all around their camp, and hide them in the grass, and hang them in trees. Anyone prowling about will be almost certain to disturb some of these lifeless sentinels. The least jar makes a rattling noise that can be heard for quite a distance, thus sounding an alarm of the approach of an intruder. They are ugly customers if trifled with and as a rule are left severely alone by the whites. It is undoubtedly hest for all that they insist on being so exclusive. It would seem that there should be some dark corners of the earth where the crude children of nature can pursue their rough ways in picace.

"Colonel Jesus Christ."

Couldn't Beat the Trust.

He had not been there over a minute before out rushed plous Abraham fairly bubbling over with wrath. "Vy do you gife away goots in front of my store? Do you vish to ruin me? Who are you dot you do such a ting?" The tourist looked at him for a moment, handed out smokes to a couple of passers by, then said, "I am the owner of the American Tobacco Trust. We crush out all competition. I have a hundred thousand c.gars that are now being unloaded from the steamer, and I will advertise our goods by giving them away right here." Abraham rushed into the house, wailing at the top of his children was dead. Finally he came back and said, "Blease, Mr. American Trust, vy do you preak me, and leave duder beczness men allone?" The strenger renied "Because vou are a strenger renied "Because vo de udder beezness men alone? "Colonel Jesus Christ." stranger replied, "Because you are cheat. You have scriptures all or



A' Cane House in Colombia.

mottoes and the bogus Tobacco Trust and gone out of business.

Children in the Army.

Colombia prebably has more children in its army than any other South American republic. It is a land of never ending strife. It there were as many batties as there are manifestos, there would soon be no soldier left to bear arms in the there would soon be no soldier left to bear arms in the cause. When the news of the secession of Panama

bian army is because they are attracted by the glamour of it, and do not know ough to stay out. A grown man, he has any sense, will know that it is the last place in the world for him. the last place in the world for him. The manner of drafting troops is about in keeping with the way things are run in general. The rivers are the reads of the country. A boat load of recruiting officers will drift around a bend in the stream. Some fishermen and their families will be working along the bank a little further down. At first sight of the recruiting officers at first sight of the recruiting officers the women will let out a shout, and their men will make a break for the brush. The officers will round up as many of them as they can overtake, tie a ribbon round their hats, force a true into their hands, and march them. gun into their hands, and march them away to fight, unwillingly, the battles of the petty little monarch, who for

Wanted American Husbands.

The women of Colombia are its or redeeming feature. Although they are tied to faithless husbands, they remain good women. Their lives are devoted to their children, and they certainly de serve more happiness than they re-ceive. They are very proud and al-though their liege lord and masters do not walk in a becoming way, they con-duct themselves as gentlewomen should. The girls never let slip a chance to get an American husband, for they under-stand that the men of the north will be more devoted to them and provide better for them. They are so eager to make matches that will take them away from their unfavorable surroundings, that they almost lead off in the courting.

Knock, knock, knock whom they know is spared;
Knock, knoc ourting.

ferred to such subjects as love or mairrimony. But, the girl did not mind this oversight on his part. He was going away, to be gone about a year, and she told him she was awfully sorry to have him go: that she would think of him every hour of every day; that she would dream of him every night; and that she would not dance with a single man while he was away. She said all this and meant it, without his had made a single adverse of the heathens' use.

Knock, knock, knock, which will the hours are dragsing slow;

Knock, knock, knock.

Till they all get up to go.

Their duty done with zest.

And when each is at home alone once more.

She'll trim up all the rest,

With wives and

With wives and this and meant it, without his having made a single advance to her. He was dismayed. He did not desire to hurt her feelings, and laughingly said: "All right." The next day their engagement in the sound of the sewing club's clamor has they sing that old familiar lay in the sound of the Hammer."

A retired Bath merchant who was a clerk in a Boston shoe store when a lad tells the following story of Daniel Webster, says the Lewiston Jour-

bear arms in the cause. When the news of the secession of Panama reached Bogots, the capital fairly roared with wrath. For several weeks one manifesto after another was posted with such rapidity that it seemed the very existence of the United States was menaced. They had us whipped a thousand times. They tore us all to pieces and then jumped on our bleeding remains. They are the sort of fighters who win many battles in the cafes; they conquer many worlds during their noon siestas. When they talk five get so excited it seems they surely will explode. And the gestures they make! A Yankee sailor was watching a crowd of natives having an argument. One black whiskered individual got jap to have his say, and as he arose the sailor said, "Now watch that old warrigr set his semaphores and sail into the contest. I'll bet if you were to tie his hands behind him he couldn't say a word. He would be tongue tied, and down and out."

The reason so many children find their way into the ranks of the Colombian army is because they are attracted by the glamour of it, and do not know

(Boston Post.) Mr. Herbert Spencer and a friend were once walking toward an asylum they proposed to visit. Their way led the track they saw a young man reading. The young man was an inmate of the institution, but they did not know it at the time.

"My friend," said Mr. Spencer, paus-

my friend, sain Mr. Spencer, pausing, "where does this railroad go to?"

The lunatic looked up from his book and gave his interrogator a long stare of scorn. Then he replied:

"It doesn't go anywhere, We keep it here to run trains on."

+0+ The Song of the Hammer The Song of the Hammer.

(Wm. F. Kirk in Milwaukee Sentine
At the home of a dame devout
Who in mission work always led,
The sewing society sat about
Plying their needles and thread;
And in a melodious key
Without hesitation or stammer,
Incessantly and relentlessly
They saug the song of the hammer.

Knock, knock, knock,
With never a halt or pause;
Knock, knock, knock,
Without provocation or cause,
Characters white as snow
Are daubed with spots of black,
While these righteous, merciful sisters
sew To cover the heathen's back.

Knock, knock, knock

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